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**KEYS TO CHURCH DOOR**

**New Jersey congregation has new building**

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# Favorite Disciple

WE WERE LOOKING at pictures of Jesus on the cross. I pointed out to the children in class the different expressions on the faces of the people. On some there was scorn, mocke hate. On others, sorrow and tears showed their deep affection for the Lord.

Bobby studied the picture carefully. "I wish I could have been John," he said. "Je trusted John the most and even asked him to take care of his mother."

"What do you suppose John did to make Jesus love and trust him so much?" I asked.

"John was a disciple of Jesus," replied Bobby.

"THERE WERE ELEVEN others," I pointed out as I searched for words the children wo understand. "John was very faithful and devoted in all he did for Jesus," I told them. " always helped willingly and never let Jesus down or disappointed him."

Even as I spoke, another thought was running through my mind. How much like Bob most of us are—ready to think ourselves worthy of receiving honor from the Lord, but realizing the wholehearted devotion, sacrifice and love that alone can bring us such distincti

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COVER PICTURE. In a ceremony typical of hundreds of others, Pastor Frederick Boos of Gethsemane Church, Keyport, receives keys to new 400-seat building from Lawrence Larsen, building committee chairman. New Jersey Synod President Edwin H. Knudten looks on at left.

# THE CHURCH IN THE NEWS

## Home mission record seen

Last year 72 new congregations were established in the United Lutheran Church, an all-time record. This year home mission activity is zooming along at an even speedier rate.

In the first five months of 1956, 49 new congregations have been organized, Dr. Richard H. Gerberding, executive secretary, last month reported to the Board of American Missions. Eleven others are slated for organization before July 1. Plans are well under way for the formal organization of about 25 more during the second half of the year—an anticipated total of 85.

Dr. Gerberding said that 68 fields in the United States and Canada are now under development by board missionaries, with eleven other future congregations being established by mission developers of the various synods. About 50 fields are awaiting the assignment of mission developers.

## Financial crisis looms

Rapid development of new congregations has confronted the mission board with critical financial problems, the board's meeting was told. Further calls to pastors to serve as mission developers will have to be delayed until present congregations are ready to assume self-support or until more funds are available, Dr. Gerberding said. Shortage of church extension funds means that fields now being occupied will have to wait a longer time before the board can offer loans to aid them in building churches or chapels.

The BAM directed a plea for emergency help to the ULCA Executive Board to tide it through 1957 "in view of the increased opportunities and the current critical needs of the Board of America Missions for mission support and chur extension." Unless ULCA congregatio overpay their 1957 benevolence quot there was no suggestion as to where t Executive Board might find the ext funds.

For 1958 and 1959 the BAM voted request an annual budget appropriati of $4.4 million, about $2 million high than the amount it is scheduled to r ceive in 1957.

## Persecution renewed in Colombia

Persecution of Protestants in the Sou American land of Colombia has "tak a turn for the worse," the World Presb terian Alliance reported last month. Pr estant churches are in "the most serio situation to confront them since 194 the report said. Presbyterians support t major Protestant missionary work in C lombia. The Evangelical Lutheran Chur of the U.S. also has a mission field the

In a communication dated May 1, t Evangelical Confederation of Colomb said that 30 Protestant churches had be closed during April and seven past jailed. All forms of violence were us against Protestants—"shootings, beatin threats and every sort of presssu through civil authorities, including ja ings, fines, and sealing up of churche

## EKID supports Spanish Protestants

Roman Catholic leaders in Germa were last week asked to help Spain's sm Protestant minority regain freedom worship. In a letter to Cardinal Jose Frings of Cologne, Bishop Otto Dibel called on the Roman Catholic hierarc to support current efforts to reopen Protestant Union Seminary in Madr

ch was closed last November by Spanpolice.

Writing as president of the council of Evangelical Church in Germany KD), Bishop Dibelius reminded the nan Catholic cardinal of the years of ression in Germany when Protestants Roman Catholics fought unitedly inst a dictatorial government. Carl Frings heads the conference of Ger- Roman Catholic bishops.

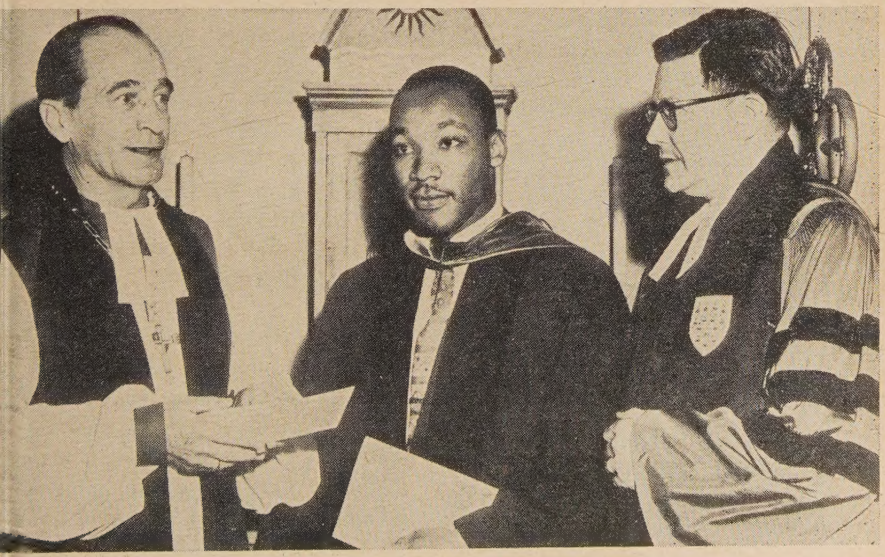
Recent anti-Protestant actions in Spain e included confiscation of Bibles, deonal books and hymnals at the Madrid ce of the British and Foreign Bible iety and at the printing plant where edition of the monthly news letter he Spanish Evangelical Church was ag published. The Spanish Roman holic hierarchy had recently proed against reopening of the Madrid inary on the grounds that all educaal institutions in Spain must teach nan Catholic dogma.

In Germany, Roman Catholic spokesmen denied that Spanish persecution of Protestants was typical of a country whose government has strong ties with the Roman Church. Spain is a "unique case," said *Herder Korrespondenz,* and should not be considered as representing the Catholic church's views on state government, Protestantism, or tolerance.

## Supreme Court decision recalled

An overflow interracial congregation of nearly 12,000 attended a service of prayer and thanksgiving in New York's Cathedral of St. John the Divine (Episcopal) on May 17 to mark the second anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision outlawing racial separation in public schools. The service was one of eleven held in major cities under the auspices of the Committee for a National Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving.

"We must have love, compassion, understanding and good will" for those who



AT SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR SUPREME COURT DECISION

*copal Bishop Horace W. B. Donegan of New York, Dr. Martin Luther King, and Dean James A. Pike of New York Cathedral (St. John the Divine).*

seek to continue segregation, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. told the congregation. We must "help them to realize that as we seek to defeat the evil we are not seeking to defeat them, but to help them as we help ourselves." Dr. King is a Baptist pastor in Montgomery, Alabama, and has led the Negro boycott of the segregated buses in that community.

### Archbishop defies cross-burners

An eight-foot gasoline-soaked wooden cross burned one night last month in front of Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of the New Orleans diocese, who has condemned racial segregation as "morally wrong and sinful," lives on the seminary campus. A Roman Catholic laymen's group organized to fight school integration in the diocese had recently been dissolved by the archbishop on threat of the excommunication of its members.

Police investigators said the cross-burning was the work of an individual and not of the White Citizens Council, which had on the same evening held an anti-integration rally. The crowd at the rally had booed the archbishop's name.

People who took part in the rally were branded as "anti-American, anti-Southern, anti-Catholic and irreligious" in a statement issued by the Human Rights Commission of the Catholic Committee of the South.

Addressing the alumni of the North American College in Rome, New York's Cardinal Francis J. Spellman said at Buffalo last month that the Roman Catholic Church must not tolerate racial segregation. "All men are created equal," he said. "That has been the attitude of the church from the time of the apostles."

### Senate committee asks church help

Religious organizations should join with civic and community groups in fighting against the increasing flow of "o right pornography" which is being p dled to young people, the Senate Juven Delinquency subcommittee urged in report released in Washington last mon The group also urged parents to give te agers proper sex education so they w not "gain the wrong impressions of sex behavior and marriage because porn raphy is the only source of informati they have."

The report called for stiffer feder state and local laws against "wanton, c praved and nauseating" material sold "smut peddlers."

Large increase in sex crimes was tributed by the senators to the "soc and family upheavals" arising from Wo War II, but they added that "the impul which spur people to sex crimes unqu tionably are intensified by reading a seeing pornographic materials." The co mittee made it clear that they refer not only to obscene "comic books" b to filthy pictures and literature ab which most people have "no understan ing or knowledge." The quantity a quality of such material "beggars descr tion," the report said, adding that it "despicable, demoralizing, destructive a capable of poisoning any mind at a age." Distribution of such material b become a $500 million a year rack the committee charged.

### Catholics ask Mackensen release

Roman Catholic parishioners and pa chial school children in Chicago w praying last week for a Lutheran past The Rev. Paul J. Mackensen, Jr., Unit Lutheran missionary who has been h prisoner by the Chinese Communi since 1952, was included on the list thirteen American civilians in Red ja for whom prayers were asked. Chica Catholics by the thousands also wrote

BIBLICAL PLANTS WIN AWARD

*ning exhibit at New Rochelle garden*
*v was collection of 75 plants and seeds*
*tioned in Bible. Exhibit was prepared*
*Mrs. F. R. Knubel, wife of president*
*Jew York and New England Synod.*

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Tse-tung, Chinese Red leader, ap-
ing that the prisoners be released.
he crusade of prayers and letters was
gated by the Rev. Harold Rigney,
an Catholic missionary recently re-
d from China. Included in the list
hose whose freedom was sought, in
tion to Mr. Mackensen, were nine
an Catholic priests.
t the time of the Geneva Conference
55 it was reported that 29 American
ians were still being held by the
ese. Sixteen have been freed.

### riests may be freed

eports from Hong Kong late last
th said that six American priests im-
ned in Red China had completed their sentences and had been released from jail. The Roman Catholic Center at Hong Kong announced receipt of a letter from the Rev. John Paul Wagner, Franciscan priest from Pittsburgh, in which he said that he had received a new outfit of clothes and with five others had been permitted to visit parks, factories, and other buildings in Shanghai.

The other priests were identified as the Revs. Joseph McCormack, Charles McCarthy, John Houle, Thomas L. Phillips and John Clifford. All were jailed in 1953.

Two months ago a letter postmarked March 8 was received from Mr. Mackensen by his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Mackensen of Baltimore. In the letter the 30-year-old missionary said that he had been moved to Shanghai after having formerly been held in prison in Tsingtao.

### NBC drops Lutheran show

Early this year four Lutheran bodies—American, Augustana, Evangelical and United Lutheran churches—pooled their resources for television programs. As "Lutheran Television Associates" they agreed to share in sponsoring six programs on the National Broadcasting Company's afternoon network dramatic show, *Matinee Theater*. The church groups were to put up $50,000 and were to have a voice in selecting scripts and casts for the programs. A credit at the end of the show would announce the church participation.

Last week NBC announced that after three programs it would have to end the arrangement, would return most of the $50,000 to the church bodies. Affiliated stations had complained that the Lutheran-sponsored programs contained "too much theology" and advertisers had insisted that they wanted to "sell soap" to others beside Lutherans, according to early reports.

First of the proposed six programs had been seen on Easter Monday, April 2. The third and last was presented on June 4. NBC expressed hope that network sustaining time would be made available for specifically Lutheran programs as soon as possible. Richard T. Sutcliffe, who served as executive secretary of LTVA, is the associate director of the ULCA Department of Press, Radio and Television.

### Russian delegations here

Five Russian Baptist leaders were attending the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Kansas City last week as nine other Soviet churchmen were winging their way westward across the Atlantic. The second group, representing all the major churches of Russia, was scheduled to arrive in New York June 2 for a 10-day visit as guest of the National Council of Churches. Included among its members were the Lutheran archbishops of Latvia and Estonia.

Fraternal visits between American and Russian churchmen may prove more potent for peace than hydrogen bombs, retiring Moderator Paul S. Wright told the opening session of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. at Philadelphia on May 24. "Possibilities for mutual understanding between alien cultures and hostile nations" exist in the church's knowledge that the Lord willed it should be one, Dr. Wright said.

In New York, Dr. Ralph G. Walker, pastor of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, denounced efforts of the small fundamentalist International Council of Christian Churches to interfere with the Russian churchmen's visit by claiming that they are Communist agents. Such protests against the visit constitute "blatant campaigns of intolerance and bigotry, using slander and misrepresentation," D Walker said. Efforts of Internation Council leaders to stage a protest ral in Philadelphia's 15,000-seat Conventi Hall backfired as some newspapers r fused advertising space. Less than 3,0 attended. A New York rally at Carneg Hall experienced a similar fate.

### Baptists claim membership gains

Every Baptist in Russia is a "little Bi Graham" in his eagerness to win co verts, Alexander Karev, general secreta of the All-Union Council of Evangelic Christians in the Soviet Union and member of the visiting Baptist delegatio declared in an address at a Washingt church.

A "spirit of personal Christian w ness" is the distinguishing mark of Ru sian church members, Mr. Karev sa Converts undergo a long preparatory p riod because they must "be able to sta up to all the troubles they will encoun in the Christian faith," he explained, ad ing that there are an estimated 3 milli Baptists in the Soviet Union.

The Rev. Jakov Zhidkov, president the All-Union Council, told reporters th a religious revival was under way in Ru sia, but that it hasn't resulted in conv sion of any high Communist officia Church membership does not bar a Chr tian from government service, he sa and "church members are governme employees in many fields."

### Graham to speak at Yale

Christian faith has an answer to t problems of the world, Billy Graham t 14,000 at a Conference on Evangeli held in connection with the Presbyter U.S.A. General Assembly at Philad phia. Solutions will not come throu appeals to the intellect or emotions, said, but only when the individual wil

PLANS YALE CAMPAIGN
*Dr. Billy Graham*

t to the will of God."
ople are waiting to hear their min-
preach about the responsibility of
ndividual and repentance, using old
s like conversion and rebirth, Dr.
am said. Lay evangelism is needed
ring people into the church where
may hear this message, he added.
. Graham came to the Philadelphia
ing from a campaign in Richmond,
nia. Total attendance at 20 services
was 286,270 with 6,162 "decisions
Christ." At New Haven, the Yale
ersity Christian Mission early in
will have the evangelist as its
her, the committee in charge an-
ced.

### bishop lauds Protestant zeal

man Catholics ought to "emulate
al" of Protestant missionaries rather
condemn their activities, Archbishop
rt E. Lucey of San Antonio, Texas,
he Catholic Council for the Spanish-Speaking at its Michigan meeting in April.

Protestant missionaries have ministered to Polish and Italian emigrants since 1920 and now function in 25 states through the Home Missions Division of the National Council of Churches, the archbishop said. He also referred to the ministry to migrants carried on by Protestant groups noting that they provide health centers, care for children, recreational programs, and the like.

Roman Catholic priests and seminarians are "doing all that they can," Archbishop Lucey said, but lay groups are needed to support them.

### And so forth

New church construction started in the U.S. in April steadied after five months of decline, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported. Total for 1956's first four months was $219 million compared with $215 million for the same period in record-breaking 1955, but government economists expected a drop later this year.

Evangelical Lutheran Church reported that it had passed the million mark in membership at the close of 1955. With 1,003,354 members, it is third largest Lutheran body in America. United Lutherans stand first, with Missouri a close second. The three top groups include three-fourths of the 7.4 million Lutherans in the U.S. and Canada.

New Lutheran cathedral being built at Skalholt, near Reykjavik, Iceland, will get its organ as a gift from Danish Lutherans. Swedish, Norwegian and Finnish congregations have contributed funds for tower chimes. The new cathedral will be dedicated this summer during ceremonies marking the 900th anniversary of the ordination of Iceland's first bishop, Isleifur Gissurarson, in 1056.

# WASHINGTON

By ROBERT VAN DEUSEN

## SUKARNO BEFORE CONGRESS

AN HONOR GIVEN to few foreign visitors was accorded to President Sukarno of Indonesia. He addressed a joint session of the Senate and the House.

Pomp and ceremony marked the occasion. The Supreme Court justices in their robes, the President's cabinet, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had front-row seats. Representatives of Asian and African embassies were there in large numbers.

The situation was dramatic. The vast island republic of Indonesia is only seven years old, but is the fifth largest nation in the world and a leader of the bloc of countries uncommitted in the Communist-capitalist struggle. In speaking before Congress, Sukarno symbolized the crucial encounter between the U.S. and the Orient.

### What he said

SUKARNO'S 55-MINUTE ADDRESS combined friendliness and frankness. Both were well received by members of Congress, who interrupted the speech with applause time after time.

He paid tribute to the influence which American ideals of freedom have had on the countries of Asia. He compared his country's fight for national independence to the American struggle in 1776.

Sukarno pleaded with Congress to understand the spirit of nationalism in Asia and Africa. Unless this is accepted as the mainspring of action in the Orient, he said, "no amount of thinking, no torrent of words, no Niagara of dollars will pr duce anything but bitterness and disill sionment."

He defined nationalism as the rebuil ing of the nations of Asia on the bas of autonomy and freedom, the determin tion to take their future into their ow hands. He gave as the five principles Indonesian national life: belief in Go nationalism, humanity, democracy, ar social justice.

Sukarno discussed with candor th problems involved in American econom technical aid. He said that the countri of Asia need this aid and welcome it long as they do not thereby surrender ar of their freedom of action. Military ai he said, is no substitute for economic ar political stability, and might make cou tries accepting it more dependent America and therefore less valuable partners.

THE REAL AIM of foreign aid, accordi to Sukarno, should be to build up th receiving nations in economic and po tical strength, so that they are better ab to defend themselves against assaults fro without or within. He said that his cou try would accept aid from either East West, but that they would not barga away any of their freedom.

The climax of the Indonesian leade speech was his discussion of the thre and promise of atomic energy. In hush voice, he expressed the hope that no n tion will ever take on itself the respo sibility for the use of nuclear weapor He said that the nations who do not ha the bomb will watch every move whi Congress makes, supporting any action remove the shadow of the atomic bom He pictured the increase in human ha piness which could result from the excl sive use of atomic energy for purpos of peace.

## DRAMA AND DRINK

SOME PARTS of Canada, notably in rio, the direct advertising of beer iquor is prohibited. But brewers and lers find many indirect ways of ad- ing their wares. A series of paint- on Canadian wildlife is published by ll-known brewer. A new civic center oronto will be built with the profits —and be named after—a famous age. A distiller subsidizes a drama al and donates a trophy bearing his . No direct reference to the product, urse—but it's almost as obvious as ing: "Hey Mabel! Black Label!"

rhaps the distillery that was backing Dominion Drama Festival felt that it 't getting its money's worth. Or per- the drama people had an honest con- that the company wasn't getting gh appreciation (and patronage) in n for its contributions. At any rate, got a lot of adverse criticism over a t letter sent out by the president of rama festival.

E LETTER OUTLINED the help given e festival by Calvert Distilleries, then on to say, "So much has been and is done for us by Calvert—but what e doing or what can we do for Cal- n a practical and tangible way?

ach and every friend of DDF—and friends—when the occasion arises emember and support Calvert . . . ased Calvert sales mean increased rt budgets for DDF to be used in lans for the development and growth eaters across Canada."

mediate reaction came from the sec- of the United Church of Canada, asked that the letter be retracted. believe in the cultivation of the arts neans by which the Canadian mind oul may be discovered and become articulate," he said. "Such a letter as yours will serve rather to discredit the festival."

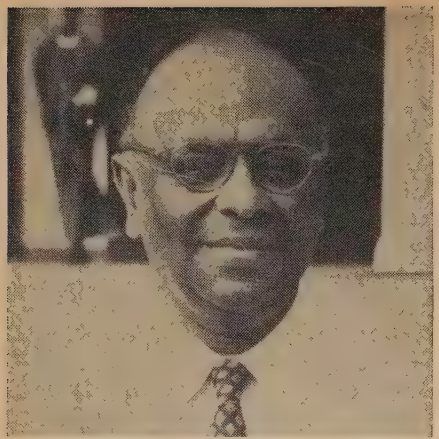
In reply the DDF president pointed out that the sponsors gave $25,000 annually to aid the festival. "But," he complained, "if we mention their name in press reports, the press cuts it out. The name is printed only in connection with the Calvert Trophies — the word 'distillers' doesn't appear . . . I certainly would not consider retraction," he concluded.

BUT HE RECKONED without the Governor General of Canada who is a patron of the DDF and whose name was on the letterhead. It was obvious that Mr. Massey was not pleased, for he summoned the letter-writer to a private conference in Ottawa. It was rumored that the Governor General would withdraw his patronage and cancel his appointment to attend the drama finals to be held in mid-May. But the air was cleared and the matter officially closed by a second letter from the DDF, saying, "It is not a part of our function to promote the sale of any commercial product."

The incident was an embarrassment also to the Canadian government. In 1951 a Royal Commission had recommended the establishment of a "Canada Council for the Encouragement of the Arts, Letters, Humanities and Social Sciences." It would aid the theater with "modest help from federal sources."

To date the government has taken no steps to form the proposed Canada Council. When asked whether it was intending to do so, or to "take such other steps as may relieve the festival from having to rely on this kind of support," the prime minister could give no assurance.

—NORMAN BERNER



# INSIDE CHINA

**Visitor from India hears Chinese Christians explain their efforts to collaborate with the Communists**

By RAJAH B. MANIKA

Bishop Manikam of Tamil Church India and Gustav Nystrom of Swed his interpreter, were the first churchm from non-communist countries permit to visit China since Red rule beg This report to "The Lutheran" is Bis Manikam's first statement on the vi

FOR A LONG TIME I had felt that Asian Christians should take the initiative in re-establishing contacts with their fellow Christians in China. But no invitation was forthcoming. So, imagine my surprise when the door actually opened for my visit to China in March. Both the International Missionary Council and the World Council of Churches urged me to accept the invitation, and my last act as the Joint East Asia Secretary of both the Councils was this visit to China.

The invitation came from Chinese Christian leaders headed by Dr. Y. T. Wu of Shanghai, who is the moderator of the Church of Christ in China, and chairman of the "Three Self" movement in China. There was no political motive to my visit. I went simply as a Christ to meet fellow-Christians.

I WAS IN CHINA for about three we in March, and visited churches and Ch tian leaders at Canton, Peking, Shangl Hanchow, Nanking, Wuhan, and H kow and some rural congregations adjo ing these cities. While at Peking, I tended the second session of "the natio committee for the realization of the s administration of the churches in Chin There were 269 representatives from over China, including Inner Mongo This gathering provided me with an cellent opportunity to meet church le ers of China. During my ten days Peking, I was able to meet several them at various times.

On March 16 I invited the follow Chinese Lutherans to dine with me, spent many hours with them in learn of the Lutheran Church in China.

There were:

(1) Pastor Yu Yun, Changsha, pr dent of the Lutheran Federation.

(2) Pastor Wei, Canton (Basel).

(3) Pastor Wu, Tsingtao, supe tendent (United Lutheran Church).

(4) Pastor Yen, Dairen (Danish).

(5) Pastor Tuan, Antung, supe tendent, N.E.Dt, (Danish).

(6) Pastor S. S. Ai, Shanghai ( gustana).

(7) Pastor Chen Chien Hsun, H

, vice president, Lutheran Federation
rwegian).
8) Dr. Kiang Wen Hen, Shanghai,
ional Committee, YMCA.
Their former church or mission con-
tion is indicated in parentheses.)
discussed with them the question of
r Christian witness in Communist
na and their co-operation with the
nmunist Party. They told me that
ing the early period of the Communist
ernment they had fears. They were
aid that Christianity of China would
crushed.
But they have seen that the Com-
nists have done many good things for
church. They have stabilized the
rency. They have abolished prostitu-
smoked. Now opium growing has been completely stopped.

In the old days there were many educated people unemployed. But today you can hardly find an educated man unemployed. With a huge population of 600 million this achievement is almost a miracle.

SINCE ALL these reforms are good, these pastors feel that they should not oppose the Communist party in carrying these out. But there arose in my mind the question as to the methods by which these reforms were effected—whether they were democratic or dictatorial. The Chinese brethren thought that they were the former.

**Governments change in China but faces of the children don't change**

and gambling which were rampant
he old days. There is not a single
titute to be found in any of the cities.
ina in the old days was filled with
gars. Now one sees hardly any beg-
in any street. Opium was commonly

They said that they were not blind to the fundamental difference between the Christians and the Communists. But they think that the Communists have been faithful in carrying out their promise of religious freedom. Article 88 of the Con-

stitution, it was said, guaranteed religious freedom to every citizen of China. They as Christians have the freedom to preach and teach the Christian faith. Their sermons, they said, were not censored and they had complete freedom of worship. New churches, they pointed out, are being built all the time in China. In Hankow, the state has built a church for Christians, when the old church was removed from the hospital which was formerly run by English Methodists and London Missionary Society.

President Yun of Changsha said that in the Central Hunan province before liberation, the Lutheran work was not in good shape but after 1953 the Lutheran churches had prospered. Since that time there had been 80 conversions. The number of Lutheran catechumens had also increased. At Hsienhwo, a rural church, "Chumei," there were 40 conversions in 1954. In 1955 at Christmas, in the district Hsienhwo, there were 29 baptisms. In 1953, it was estimated that there were 51,000 Lutheran Christians in China. I asked as to baptisms of non-Christians during the last year. I was told that in Canton 12 young men and 19 children were baptized in 1955, at Hankow nine (three infants and six adults), and in Chiang Sha four.

Pastor Wu, superintendent of the United Lutheran Church in Tsingtao, believed that the government respects the Christian religion. He cited two examples. In 1954 a Dutch steamer was in the port and a seaman died on board ship. The government helped the crew to find a clergyman. Finally, they came to Pastor Wu and requested him to bury the dead. The second example he cited was that the government has exempted the churches from paying taxes.

I asked how they were managing the support of their churches now that all foreign funds had been cut off. They plained that all the schools and hospi were taken over by the government that they had only to take care of t churches. Pastors and seminaries w now their only care.

The Chinese Lutherans since liberat are said to feel that the church in Chin now their own and that therefore t contribute far more liberally than bef Pastor Tuan from Antung cited an ample. The church in Antung, he s had not only raised the money for repair but some of the members w giving their service free for repairing church. Pastor Wan from Honan s that they had raised last year as additio voluntary gifts 1,000 yen.

There is now in China a Federation Lutheran Churches. Before the libe tion, the Missouri Church did not j this Federation. But now all the Luther churches are not only in the federat but also in the National "Three Se movement — (self-support, self-gove ment, self-propagation). The federat publishes a magazine.

Previously a Lutheran seminary maintained at Hankow but it had mo to Hong Kong (to the Tao Fang Sha This, they were unanimous in thinki was a wrong move. Now the Luther are co-operating in Yenching Union T ological Seminary at Peking and h contributed to the staff of this semin a Lutheran, Prof. H. L. Shieh, who f merly taught at Tao Fang Shan. He turned to China in 1951.

The Lutheran Federation meets o in three years. Its last meeting was h in 1951. Though it has not met sin its executive committee meets regula Its last meeting was in 1954. This ye arrangements are being made to hold enlarged meeting of the committee.

I preached on Holy Thursday morn

ie beautiful Lutheran church at Han-
, at which the vice president of the
ian Federation, the Rev. Chen
n Hsun, was my interpreter. I vis-
the Lutheran church at Canton on
entry into China. Unfortunately I
not meet Pastor Lam, but Mrs. Lam
her two little daughters were there.
church originally belonged to the
in Mission. It has now a baptized
ıbership of 100.
here are four Lutheran churches in
ton. When I returned to Canton on March 29, I preached at a union communion service at the Zion Church, Canton, which was packed to the doors. Ten local pastors participated. Among them was Pastor Lam of the Lutheran church.

I was the only foreigner among these Christians of Canton, but our oneness in Christ knit us together. I spoke of the betrayal of Christ by Judas and urged the Church in China to be steadfast in the Christian faith and be loyal to Christ. I shall never forget this experience on the last day of my stay in China.

## CAREER WOMAN FOR THE LORD

By ROLAND E. WOLSELEY

NDY AND I were talking the other day
t some of the people we know. Andy
ıes Latin in the university, and is also
rt-time worker for his denomination,
ned to minister to students of his
It's a big job.
e were driving along to a suburb to
a call and Andy was at the wheel.
ot to talking about a mutual friend, a missionary. Miriam was supposed to marry Joe, another friend Andy and I have in common, a preacher in the U.S. Miriam is now in Asia. Miriam had changed her mind about the marriage.

"KNOW WHAT she wrote him?" Andy asked, and then didn't give me time to answer. "She said she had three loves: God, her work, and then Joe. Joe's last.

I just don't see that. I don't see why she can't love God and also marry Joe."

I found myself taking Miriam's part right away, although Joe is an industrious chap greatly in need of a wife who'll do the hard work that preachers' wives usually do.

"Look, Andy," I said. "You certainly don't expect her to put her love for Joe ahead of her love for God, do you?"

"No, but I don't see why they're mutually exclusive."

"They're not, necessarily. But they often are and we don't admit it. Miriam's been in Asia for three years now, doing important work as a missionary. Why should she stop that work, which she no doubt believes is carrying out the will of God for her, just to come back here to settle down as a preacher's wife?"

"Isn't being a minister's wife just as important a job as being a missionary?" Andy asked.

"Sure, sometimes. Maybe you can't generalize. But don't you think it's unreasonable for Joe to expect her to give up her career, which is getting results for what she believes in, just because she loves him, too?"

ANDY COULDN'T see it, so I tried another tack.

"Why should women always be expected to give up their work and follow the men? Suppose Angela (that's Andy's wife) got a chance to go to some foreign field and were able to put her training as a sociologist to work? What would you say if she asked you to give up your job here and follow her out there, to work in her shadow, doing things that might be important in their way but not what you were trained to do and felt most useful doing? Would you be willing to step back that way?"

Andy didn't say anything for a few minutes, either because we'd arrived a he had to maneuver a difficult drivew or because he didn't have an answer.

"What you're saying," he said final bringing the car to a halt but not getti out, "is that if she thinks that's her Chr tian duty she's to be admired for sticki to it and not letting something perso like her love for Joe stand in the wa Maybe you're right; I don't know. S puts God first. God's work is most i portant to her. Maybe she's right, t Preachers are always telling us laymen do that and I guess I advise my stude to do it, too. But it's embarrassing to J Everyone thought he and Miriam were be married and now look what's ha pened."

"Joe'd not be embarrassed if h cleared up these points before the engag ment was announced," I said. "I suppo a man in love doesn't always think clear But Joe and Miriam aren't kids, after a Maybe she tried to interpret the marria as carrying out the will of God and j couldn't see it that way, finally."

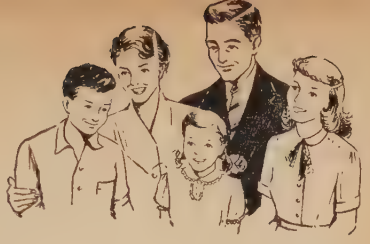
ANDY STILL COULDN'T see it that w either. I had kept my next point for la thinking it the best.

"How does Miriam's philosophy fit t life of Jesus?" I asked.

Just then one of the children in t house we were visiting spotted us a came dashing to the car. That ended t talk for awhile. On the way back An was quiet for a long time or just mumbl commonplaces about where we'd be Then he revealed what he now thou of the Miriam-Joe situation.

"You win," he said, turning to me a grinning.

I just nodded. My impulse was to s "No, I didn't, but God did," but that w just the smug college-professor in me, I kept quiet.



# PEOPLE HAVE IDEAS

VASN'T THAT WONDERFUL?" Mrs. vor was positively beaming as she up to Florrie Buch and me. The en party on the McIvor's lawn was king up and the women were having usual rehash of the afternoon's h.

an't say I can get very much en- d about the troubles of people half- around the world, when there's so n to be done right here on our own step." Florrie is practical. Anything does for the church she does very She likes to see results.

ut that's just it," Mrs. McIvor d. "That's just what she was say- You can't, you really can't break ne work of the church. It is all re- ."

ounded good," Florrie laughed, "but 't think it made much sense."

RS. McIVOR looked baffled. I knew she felt. Other people get the same ng when they try to tell Florrie some- she has already decided not to in."

rs. McIvor tried again. "I thought ade a lot of sense." She spoke with uiet dignity which keeps most of us le in awe of her. "We are all God's ren. We need each other, whether ve next door or oceans apart. And of the people whom we —"

xcuse me," Florrie broke in, "I don't to interrupt. You and Connie go n talking. I'd better see who's go- y Pastor Symington's house. We're to send over the salad that was left. I'm sure Mrs. Symington will be glad not to have to cook this evening, with the new baby and all." She was gone, hurrying toward the back of the house.

Mrs. McIvor looked even more baffled than before. Then she started to laugh. "That seems to take care of that! I'll just have to turn the argument on myself I guess."

"You sounded convinced before. I don't believe you need it."

"Oh, but I do. If mission work is all one piece, I suppose we should be content that there are some people who concentrate on one part and some on another, instead of demanding that everyone be interested in everything."

"That sounds all right but it feels a little—oh, I don't know quite how to put it—but a little like giving up."

"Defeatist? Maybe you're right. I try so hard to see both sides of any controversy, I often end up a futile neutral who neither takes sides nor brings agreement."

HER WAY of speaking sometimes is a little over my head, but I knew what she meant. "I'm a little that way myself. Anything to avoid a fuss. But sometimes you can get things across without coming right out and saying so. I think people *ought* to be interested in all phases of the church's work."

"It's hard to see how anyone can avoid it after hearing a speech like that this afternoon. But if they aren't, perhaps it's a good thing they are interested in one phase. I used to know a woman who

worked her fingers to the bone for foreign missions and had no interest whatever in her neighbors' troubles. Then you find people like Mrs. Buch. Perhaps that's what we have to expect in an imperfect world." She shrugged.

"So far as getting things done is concerned, I suppose it would be good to divide up into what we call in vacation school 'interest groups,' but think what people miss by limiting themselves. Not that I know what to do about it!" I added the last rather hastily as I saw the question in her eye.

"Neither do I. But let's ponder the possibilities, shall we?" She patted my shoulder and we turned by common consent toward the group near the gate. "I was so afraid there would not be any roses, but they've behaved well."

AS FAREWELLS were said, I found myself standing by Kathy Matteo. There was a lot of happy, silly talk floating around. Most of us really wanted to be the ones to go over to see the new baby, but since Mrs. Sym just came home from the hospital last week, we've been using self-control.

After the sweet, motherly talk Mrs. Ittel gave us on the subject, we'd have felt uncomfortable just barging in. So we made a joke of our eagerness and checked up to see that enough people went so that if there was anything to do, we could help out.

Kathy was rigidly silent all through the foolishness. She seemed to be waiting for me, so I waved goodby and fell into step, taking her arm as we walked along. It was like trying to be companionable with a steel bar and I gave up. I stooped to pick a red clover blossom which was growing in the vacant lot at the corner so I wouldn't show I was dropping her arm.

Angry with myself for being so s
conscious, I sniffed the clover bloss
as rapturously as if sniffing clover w
one of my favorite occupations in
"There's something so refreshing ab
clover!"

SHE IGNORED the remark as it deserv
"I came," she said, "so now everyo
should be happy."

"I think they were. I know I was g
to see you there."

"And it will give them something
talk about when they have worn out M
Sym and her baby." Her tone was frig

"That could be," I agreed, trying
think fast. "They love the Symingt
and they love you. If they talk about y
it will be in the same way."

She didn't answer and I remembe
what Pastor Ittel said about her need
to talk. "You sound as though you
had to make an effort to come toda

"Of course, it was an effort. But wh
your pastor tells you to get out amo
people and neglect your house and fa
ily, you haven't much choice, have yo

"More than you think. Pastor I
may have ideas about what will help y
but I don't think he'd expect you to
anything if you feel it isn't right."

"You don't know him. He's a v
determined man and he's determined
make an example of me—show hov
can be a perfect church member if I
neglect my husband and child and foll
his directions. I know his plots! I
just the guinea pig."

I KNEW there was no truth in her sta
ments and my heart overflowed with p
at the twist her mind had given to effo
to help her—and thankfulness that
had chosen to talk to me rather than
someone who would think ill of Pas
Ittel.

# WORSHIP NOTEBOOK

A LOT OF SAYINGS are attributed to ner. One goes something like this: the devil's in the church, he's in the ir." The same idea is expressed in a ark, usually attributed to Episco- ans, "The War Department of the rch is the choir."

ll this doesn't speak well for those ıful members of the congregation who us in the services each Sunday. Jokes made about the soloists who protest lly if one sings more frequently than ther. Pastors build up a wall of de- e against the troubles that occur ng the singers, and all such difficul- are usually resolved by the casual ment, "After all, what can you expect ı musicians?"

MOST CHURCH-GOING MUSICIANS, of tever ability or accomplishment, are different from those who cannot sing play instruments. They are simply ple who enjoy music and find that they serve God by singing in the choir or ing the organ in church. Most of ı are sincere and dedicated people se chief reward is the joy they feel ı lifting their voices in song.

et, we must ask, why is it that trouble equently starts in the choir? A month I wrote in this "Notebook" about the ıse of anthems in the church service. pected a deluge of criticism. Strangely ugh, most of the letters I received on the other side of the fence.

astors to whom I have talked ex- sed their appreciation. Others wrote ll me of some of the things they had and heard. One church had five ems on the most important day of the church year. Another writer mentioned that in her church, before services began, the choir members all stood around the entrance to their church in their vestments gaily chatting and smoking cigarettes. This I have seen myself, so I know it isn't the fanciful dream of someone who dislikes choirs.

Similar comments mentioned the organist who plays as if he were at the Roxy and who gives the pastor a dirty look if he reaches for the alms bason before the Offertory is concluded, the congregation where the Lord's Prayer is sung by the choir instead of prayed by the people, and the choir members who don't show up on a Sunday if there is no anthem.

This isn't the sort of thing we normally expect in our congregations, but the fact that it, and all the other items mentioned, do occur is reason for each congregation to give serious attention to its music. What can be done?

CERTAINLY THE FIRST concern is with those who are responsible for the music in our parishes. This means that pastors must get more training in the seminary. They should know good music, and what is proper for the church.

Secondly, we must make sure that our choir directors and organists have a thorough understanding of the part that music plays in the services of the church. This means that they, as well as the clergy, must receive instruction.

It wasn't many years ago that a committee of the ULCA reminded the church convention that the anthem is not properly a part of the Lutheran tradition, and that although the anthem had made a

place for itself in our worship it must be kept in its proper relationship to the liturgy. How far we have come from that position!

Moreover, some influences have developed the "prima donna" character of many of our musicians. They look upon themselves as artists whose demands must be satisfied (and some have rather extravagant demands!) rather than Christians who offer their voices and hands to God and his glory.

One pastor told me that his director of music had been lured away to a non-Lutheran congregation by the promise of more money. He realized the singer had to consider her own circumstances, but what he resented was the change which occurred in this person, and her persistent intrusion in the affairs of a congregation with which she is no longer connected. Regularly she told her former associates that they must learn to demand more if they wanted their "artistry" to be evident.

WE HAVE many good musicians in the Lutheran church who would like to stay in our church if their services are recognized and appreciated. But for this they need help. One of the services of the Department of Worship of the United Lutheran Church is to help in keeping these folk in Lutheranism. The department has offered its services as a clearing house for those seeking competent Lutheran musicians to serve in our parishes, and for musicians who seek such positions of employment.

A few weeks ago the president of one of the large synods referred such an application to the writer. A young woman desires a position as full-time director of music in a ULCA congregation in the eastern part of the country. She has a similar position in a non-Lutheran congregation in the Midwest, but she yearns to return to the church of her faith. Certainly there must be a place for her.

We invite musicians to submit applications to us so they may be kept on file until the time when congregations request assistance. At the same time we also extend to our congregations this same service.

The department is charged with the responsibility of promoting "the best types and forms of church music." Our goal is high, the best! We are happy at the service of the church to achieve our goal. —EDGAR S. BROWN

# PERSONAL PROBLEM CLINIC

By EARL S. RUDISILL

## Divorce-remarriage?

QUESTION: Bert divorced me three years ago. I didn't want the divorce and would not apply for it. He did after we were separated for a year. He had left me. I did not contest the suit because his doctors told me he should not be married since he had a complex (sex) and they thought it best for him to have the divorce.

I have always thought I could not marry again without going against the Bible. I have been a Lutheran all my life. Bert did not join the church when we were married. Much of our marital trouble resulted from his idea that I was more loyal to my church than to him, even though I loved him, and still do.

What is the stand of the ULCA in regard to remarriage in such a case? I have talked to friends, as well as to my pastor, but I am afraid they give me opinion

sed on friendship rather than on the ple.

REPLY: The ULCA statement of the 1930 convention approves divorce on two grounds: adultery and malicious desertion. Pastors are authorized to remarry the innocent person after a lapse of a year. The grounds for divorce are based on Matthew 5:32; 19:9, and I Corinthians 7:15.

Even though these grounds are approved by Scripture and the church, it is a Christian thing to forgive even the worst types of offenses and to work hard for a reconciliation, a new start, and a successful marriage. So much is involved for husband, wife, children, and many others that no stone should be left unturned in the effort to work out a satisfactory solution.

On the other hand, it seems to me (a purely personal interpretation) that Jesus' and Paul's grounds for divorce rest on their basic principles and statements of morality. They may be summarized thus: Whatever is prompted by an understanding love is right, and whatever runs counter to it is wrong.

There is probably an ethical "no-man's land" in between—involving action which can hardly be regarded as having definite moral quality. But this "understanding love" is based on the supreme value of the soul, or personality, as expressed by Jesus and Paul, as well as by numerous lesser lights, both Christian and non-Christian. On such a basis there may be other actions and attitudes which may be as reprehensible morally as adultery or malicious desertion.

I have seen a number of cases in which it seemed to me that the offenses were even worse, and I have wondered whether divorce might not be the solution—or, at least, legal separation or separate maintenance. Or is a mate doomed to suffer outrageous persecution, or torture, endlessly, if every Christian and rational effort, over a long time, has failed to bring about reasonable harmony?

## Long hours

QUESTION: Al and I were married three years ago, and before long there will be a third member of our family. We are looking forward to getting a home of our own in a year or two. Everything is so fine that perhaps I should not complain.

My worry is that my husband has to work very long hours and can rarely have an evening at home. He's making out all right financially, better each year. But these awful hours! They're robbing us of the companionship we hoped for and so much need. I think sometimes that Al ought to look for another job.

REPLY: A surprising number of young men who are getting ahead have to accept long hours away from home. It is regrettable, but it seems to be a part of the price that has to be paid for advancement. With a pastor it is always that way—advancement or not—and an evening at home in quietness is a rare thing. Meetings and calls, calls and meetings—that's the regular schedule. Their wives could well complain, but I've never heard such a complaint.

Please reserve judgment. Consider all the factors involved, and try to be content for the time being. Better days may come. Make the most of the time you have together. If you are happy together and look forward to your times together, that's something big—give it its proper value. Many people are working on this problem and finding some kind of solution—if only the exercise of patience.

## Facts About Divorcees

**After Divorce.** By William J. Goode. The Free Press. 381 pages. $6.

What happens to mothers who divorce? How do they meet such problems as: new friends, dating, finances and jobs, the children, the attitude of their friends and families, the ex-spouse, remarriage? To what extent does the individual divorcee take up the broken threads of her life and attempt to weave a new life pattern?

This study by William J. Goode, professor of sociology, Columbia University, is an attempt to find the answers to these and related questions. Four hundred and twenty-five divorced mothers, aged 20 to 38 years at the time of divorce, all residents of metropolitan Detroit, were interviewed in the early winter of 1948. They were selected at random from the county courthouse records. Included were members of all religious faiths, Negro and white, ranging in education from no formal schooling to graduation from college.

By skillfully cross-classifying the information secured through the use of a 26-page schedule, and subjecting the data to careful statistical analysis, it was possible to draw a number of conclusions. For example, the evidence seems to support the view that divorced women who are regular churchgoers take longer to remarry than others, that those with two or more children marry as quickly as those with only one child, and that nine out of ten divorcees who remarry say that their second marriages are better than their first. Moreover, almost all of these divorced mothers believe that their children lead better lives as children of divorcees than they would have had in the midst of marital conflict.

Whether the post-divorce experiences as reported by these 425 are typical of all divorced mothers and whether they were able correctly to interpret and report their experiences are questions whose answers must be sought in future research. The reade should remember that results of the mos elaborate statistical analysis are no more re liable than the original data on which th analysis is based.

In spite of its manifest limitations, thi study is a valuable contribution to a bette understanding of an experience that, accord ing to the author, is "likely to occur to one fifth to one-sixth of the men and women i this country who live out an average lif span." Pastors, marriage counselors, an others should find the book valuable as source of pertinent background material fo advisory services. — MORRIS S. GRETH

*Muhlenberg College*

## America and Christ

**Mission: U.S.A.** By James W. Hoffma Friendship Press. 182 pages. $2.50. (Pape bound edition, $1.25.)

This is a warm, lively, and well-docu mented survey of America as a field fo Christian missions. It deals largely wit the areas of life where the churches hav not been noted for their activity, and de scribes pioneering programs that are openin the way for future developments.

Efforts of Christian workers to keep u with the moving millions are explaine Family problems, industrial chaplaincie ministry to delinquent youth who wind up i institutions, work among military personn and a half-dozen other groups are covere adequately, but with provocative brevity tha will invite further study. And there's som treatment of the use of films, radio and tel vision. The *Martin Luther* film gets ge erous praise. Specialized missions to miner mental patients, American Indians, and i tellectuals on university campuses all a touched by the wide sweep of the author brush. Author Hoffman is an associate edit of *Presbyterian Life*. This is his first book. leaves the reader eager to read more.

A. P. S.

## ligion on the Air

**he Television-Radio Audience and Religion.** Everett C. Parker, David W. Barry, Dallas W. y. e. Harper. 464 pages. $6.

n seeking to make an objective appraisal the effectiveness of the church's use of io and television, the Broadcasting and m Commission of the National Council Churches authorized (in 1951) a "com- nications research project."

For three years, three samplers of re- ous viewing and listening habits rang rbells of 3,600 New Haven, Conn., nes. The results pack the pages of this gious broadcasting Kinsey report and e been called by CBS's Research Director e largest and most authoritative available ly of research information on the subject religious broadcasting."

Among the most striking charges and ommendations made by the research trio : Pastors do not understand fully the im- t of radio and television on their con- uents. Religious broadcasters fail to be cific in their "target audiences," prefer- g to aim in broad, sweeping terms.

The church must remember that potential io-television audiences are "remarkably ied." You can't reach all men with one e of program.

Broadcasting is a highly technical and cialized field. Amateurs have no reason believe that their sense of dedication or secration will fill the vacuum of "lack talent."

The networks must be brought to the re- ation that the Christian church has nething to say in the media . . . Church- n must realize that radio-television is not electronic substitute for witnessing or sonal evangelism.

*New York City* RICHARD T. SUTCLIFFE

## cularism

**his World and the Church.** By Howard Hong. sburg. 139 pages. $2.50.

Originally delivered as lectures at Luther inary, the chapters of the book have an demic atmosphere. Perhaps this limits the field of circulation, but there is no denial that the content needs to be brought forcefully to the attention of the popular mind.

Dr. Hong writes, "The student of cultural history knows that significant changes which became apparent in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries have been accelerated in the last three centuries, changes in man's aims, in man's thoughts of reality and of himself, and changes in relationships between men. From a God-centered world, and a church-dominated world, Western man turned more to himself and to things of his immediate world—a wondrous world with man its wondrous master. This shift has been broadly termed secularism."

All who are closely connected with the church are aware of this erosion of faith. The writer brings the question forcefully forward in the chapter entitled "Between the Ghetto and the Sea." In a sentence it can be summarized, "A self-satisfying accommodation of the faith to human desires and aspirations may be religious but it is not Christian; and a church which imagines the faith to be a simple possession has relinquished the judging, redeeming God of Christian faith for a theological formulation and ecclesiastical power; whereas the church and all human life are under the judgment of God and are the object of His redeeming love."

The development of the book improves after the first chapter which endeavors to cover much ground in summarizing various schools of philosophical thought. The chapters treating man and his work are well done and provocative. Written from a Lutheran viewpoint, the treatment merits careful study. At the end there are presented some conclusions. The reader will probably wish that these had been considerably expanded. GEORGE W. DELAWTER

*Teaneck, N. J.*

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**ORDINATION IN NORTH CAROLINA. In 32 United Lutheran synods 175 young men ar candidates for the ministry this spring, almost double the number ten years ago**

# Synods Receive Record Number of New Congregations Plan Evangelism Missions . . . Raise Financial Goals

LARGEST NUMBER of newly organized congregations ever added to United Lutheran rolls in any year were being received in formal ceremonies at synod conventions this spring. The Pacific Southwest Synod had ten, the Central States Synod nine. Total in all synods will be about 70. Synods struggled with the problem of finding enough pastors for the increasing number of congregations, and at the same time supplying chaplains for the armed forces, missionaries for overseas assignments, plus pastors for election to the growing number of general offices being created in the church. Plans for recruiting more candidates for the ministry were discussed at synod conventions.

## CENTRAL STATES

**Trinity Church, Lawrence, Kansas, May 14-17**

By PAUL WIEGMAN

LUTHERANS in the Central States Synod charted some far-reaching new frontiers for their large group. The Central States Synod is the fourth largest synod, geographically, in the ULC, and ninth largest in communing membership. There are 43,043 communing members.

Delegates took these major steps:

1. Accepted nine new congregations into the synod. Six were organized within the last year. They represent 708 confirmed and 940 baptized members. The present five state area of synod now consists of 190 congregations served by 152 pastors.

2. Received nine pastors from other synods. This increases the number of pastors in the synod to 161. To this figure were added four men received by ordination. Preacher at the ordination was Dr. Charles Puls, Madison, Wis. From 1926 to 194 he was pastor of Trinity Church in Lawrence. Ordained were Vernon A. Hintemeyer, Lester L. Lamm, John L. Rinde, and Stanley C. Rogge.

3. Gave official sanction to designating the second Sunday after Easter each year as Central Seminary Sunday.

4. Upped the synod's 1957 budget from $524,000 to $538,000 which places the per capita basis for apportionment at $13.43.

5. Approved continuance of the program of evangelism on a year-round basis.

6. Adopted the Lutheran Placement Service as a synod-wide program.

7. Approved the establishment of a Lutheran welfare or social service program in Kansas under preliminary guidance of the NLC Division of Welfare.

Approved organization of a "Synod ndation" to advance the work of synod its institutions financially.

Pledged assistance in the cost of con- ction of the annex to the Lutheran stu- house, Lincoln, Nebraska.

DR. F. EPPLING REINARTZ, United Lu- an Church secretary, was the ULC rep- ntative. Dr. Stewart W. Herman of the ional Lutheran Council addressed a Lu- an World Action rally. Dr. C. H. Zeidler, ident of the synod, preached the sermon he convention's opening session. Everett chell, widely known radio announcer, ke on stewardship at a synodical banquet. r. A. W. Young, superintendent of itha Home, Lincoln, was elected secre- , and Paul H. Palmquist, Omaha, treas- r. Most time-consuming item on the od's agenda was election of ULC dele- s. The convention instructed the execu- committee to propose a better method such elections.

## INDIANA

### St. Luke's and Trinity Churches, Fort Wayne, May 7-8

By WILLIAM L. PIFER

"BELIEVE AND BUILD" was the keynote of Indiana Synod convention.

resident Walter M. Wick struck the he in his report. "Sometimes we hear t rumors that the Indiana Synod is a od with little future. This is simply not so. Certainly we have our share of small gregations and our share of rural parishes seem static, but we are becoming a od of unusual opportunities. Our cities growing rapidly. Industry is moving into state. Population is constantly increas- We have a number of cities of 50,000 ave only one National Lutheran Coun- hurch."

he Rev. Robert H. Heine was re-elected president and Dr. Donald E. Elder secretary. John Holaday, who had served as treasurer since 1934, asked to be relieved of this responsibility. James Applegarth was elected. He is supervisor of the accounting department of the Allison division of General Motors, Speedway City.

St. James' Church, New Haven, was received into the synod. The Rev. Paul Keck is the mission developer. Two other developers are working toward organization of mission congregations.

Three men were ordained to the ministry: James Beard, called to St. Paul's, Connersville; Robert Young, called to Trinity Church, New Castle; and Thomas BeMiller, called as mission developer in the Michigan Synod.

Criticism of the "tone-down" style of preaching was made in the ordination sermon by Dr. Paul Krauss. "Pastors have been ill-advised," Dr. Krauss said, "when they are told to preach in a conversational tone. The gospel should be preached with passion. It should not only include admonition and warning, but should give encouragement to the pilgrim."

Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, representative of the ULCA, stressed the evangelism program.

A record budget for 1957 of $258,112 was adopted, with $140,752 slated for the ULCA and $117,360 for synodical objectives.

The statistician's report revealed a 73.2 per cent communing membership, 2 per cent higher than the ULC average. For the first time the synod has reached over the 20,000 communing member mark, with 20,649.

Two special efforts are planned in the synod. One is the stewardship sector project. Five pilot congregations participated in the plan during 1955 and showed increases in giving from 56 to 622 per cent. The other is the evangelism mission, starting in Ft. Wayne in December, and planned throughout the synod during 1957.

The Rev. Edward Driscoll, chaplain of the synod, spoke of Christian leaders from Ignatius to Polycarp. "Toil together, struggle together, race together, suffer together, rest together, rise together, as God's stewards, assistants, and servants," he said.

ULCA CONVENTION DELEGATES

CLERGYMEN: Walter M. Wick, Donald E. Elder, Robert H. Heine, J. Luther Seng, Albert H. Keck, Fred M. Hanes, Edward Driscoll, Albert R. Swasko, Paul H. Krauss.

LAYMEN: Otto K. Jensen, William J. Kannlein, E. B. Lembke, John Holaday, Harold Barnes, James Applegarth, Fernwood Ball, Roy Hunt, Howard Klute.

## *ILLINOIS*

### St. Mark's Church, Clayton, Mo., May 14-17

By JOHN E. COOPERRIDER

THE ILLINOIS SYNOD established three new full-time offices at its annual meeting. It also adopted a statement of policy urging congregations "in areas experiencing ethnic and racial changes . . . that they should as stewards of the Gospel reach out in evangelism to all people in their communities."

The first of the new offices was that of secretary for stewardship, charged with keeping the financial records of synod, promoting stewardship among the congregations, editing *The Gleaner,* the synod's monthly publication, and conducting a public relations program.

A new office of secretary for parish education will be responsible for guiding congregational programs of parish education, and directing Camp Alpine, the synod's newly purchased summer camp near Richmond.

A third new office involved what President Harmon J. McGuire described as "a redeployment of manpower." It was the establishment of the office of director of missions, charged with the tasks of survey, research, and general supervision over the home missions program of the synod. The Rev. Carroll L. Charles, synodical mission developer for the southern and central parts of the state, was called to this new position.

THE STATEMENT of policy which was adopted said that "the church must be true to its own nature as a community of children

DR. F. EPPLING REINARTZ

*Spoke for ULCA to three synods this mon*

of God inclusive of every race, nation, ar class, who confess Christ as Lord" also tha "the church's agencies and institutio should seek to serve all people fairly witho distinction because of racial or cultur background."

It urged congregations in areas exper encing change "to remain in such area recognizing that situations will arise in whi support must be given by the synod throu official channels," adding however, "that the stewardship of the Gospel certain co gregations in certain particular situatio may be confronted by the necessity of r locating, merging with other congregatio or disbanding."

THIS YEAR the delegates included sout eastern Wisconsin in the area to be co sidered for the relocation of Carthage C lege. They promised "enthusiastic suppo for a campaign for $250,000 which will b gin Oct. 1 for construction of a home f the aging and infirm. They urged the "full co-operation" of every congregation in t Evangelism Mission of the ULCA to the tent that "an on-going program of evang ism visitation be established in every co gregation."

be synod also adopted the largest budget
ts history, $677,096, or $14 per com-
ing member, as well as a $54,000 goal
its annual co-ordinated appeal on behalf
ts four inner mission agencies.

oy L. Fosberg gave his 25th and last
ort as treasurer. During his tenure of
e, Mr. Fosberg handled $6,839,243 in
evolent gifts. Glenn W. Schmidt, a mem-
of Luther Memorial Church, Chicago,
elected to succeed him.

Ir. Edgar Neas, giving his first report as
stician, said that the synod's communing
ibership increased 5 per cent last year,
highest percentile increase in many years.
hree mission congregations were re-
ed—Christ the King Church, Ferguson,
; Gloria Dei, Northbrook, Ill.; and
ist, Decatur. Plans were announced by
Board of Home Missions for establishing
new missions in the next ten years.

PEAKERS at this year's meeting included
Paul C. Empie, executive secretary of
National Lutheran Council, and conven-
chaplain who spoke on "Christian Cross
ring"; Dr. L. Ralph Tabor, Baltimore,
reported on ULCA activities; and Dr.
Garfield Beckstrand, Rockford, Ill., who
ke at the ordination.

hree were ordained—Roger C. Dierks,
ed as assistant pastor of St. Mark's
rch, Clayton, Mo.; Richard Horst of
Morris, Ill., called as pastor of Grace
rch, Virginia; and Franklin C. Sherman
Chicago, called as pastor of Advent
rch, Chicago.

## MICHIGAN

### Redeemer Church, Lansing, May 14-16

By CLYDE G. STEELE

FTER A FULL two-hour debate, delegates
e Michigan Synod convention voted for
00,000 fund to be raised in 30 months
church extension. Proposed by the ex-
ve committee, the fund is for repay-
ment of existing loans to the synod, purchase of property for organizing congregations, and "anticipatory purchases" to avoid paying high prices for desirable locations.

Discussion centered on the procedure to be followed during the campaign. A recommendation to obtain a professional campaign director was made and passed by two-thirds of the delegates after a 45-minute debate.

Another half hour was spent in debate over an executive committee proposal to discontinue birthday offerings by congregations to new missions, which amounted to gifts of $2,400. The recommendation was approved and birthday gifts will be discontinued as of Jan. 1, 1957.

Further discussion centered on another executive committee proposal to establish a contingent fund of $10,900 in anticipation of providing a full-time assistant to the synod president. Due to other increases in the budget this amount was cut to $9,500 and approved. The total budget was raised to $155,000, which means a per capita apportionment increase of $1.19 to total $14.20 per communing member.

SEVEN NEW CONGREGATIONS were received giving the Michigan Synod a total of 46 churches. Those received were: St. Stephen's, Lansing, Pastor Kenneth Ferguson; Triumphant Cross, St. Clair Shores, Pastor Robert West; Gethsemane, Grand Rapids, Pastor Frank Starkey; Good Hope, Garden City, Pastor George Volkmar; Atonement, Detroit, Pastor Alfred Buehner; Redeemer, Adrian, Pastor Ronald Fuller; Our Saviour, Saginaw, Pastor Karl Kaltreider.

Six new pastors were received into the synod: Associate Pastor Frederick Jacobi, Hope, Detroit; the Rev. William LaFountain, accepting a call to Ascension, Pontiac; Pastor H. Allen Maxwell, Holy Trinity, Niles; the Rev. Thomas BeMiller, the Rev. William Cross and the Rev. Kenneth Ferguson as mission developers. William John Black of Redeemer Church, Lansing, was ordained during the convention and will become a mission developer.

Dr. Charles M. Cooper, president of the

Ministerium of Pennsylvania, served as official representative of the ULCA. He presented the work of the ULCA and its boards as component parts of a bridge, with an emphasis on missions and ministry as the superstructure.

A CONVENTION HIGHLIGHT was the foreign mission committee presentation emphasizing the work in Malaya. The Rev. Daniel Chu, Chinese pastor who worked in Malaya for more than a year, gave a presentation of the field, its importance, the political conditions, and the handicaps being overcome.

For the second consecutive year the social mission committee report was debated and recommitted. Discussion centered on the committee's suggestions regarding international relations and protective tariffs, but the delegates heartily endorsed the proposal opposing the establishment of any further race tracks and the institution of any form of charitable gambling by the state.

Mr. Kenneth Johnson of Kalamazoo, synod treasurer for many years, was honored at a dinner and presented with gifts as a token of gratitude . . . The convention voted to rent additional space for executive headquarters . . . The Rev. Richard Albert, Trinity Church, Grand Rapids, was convention chaplain.

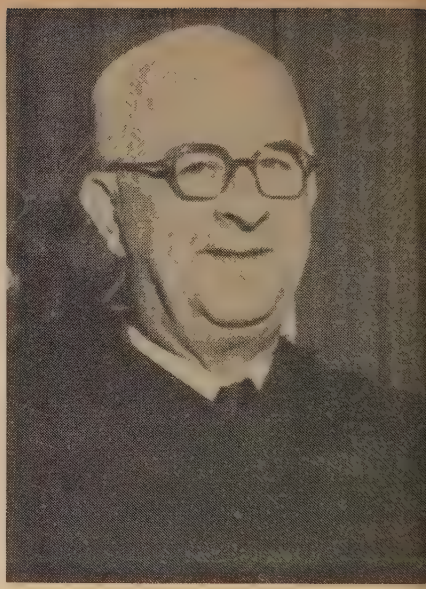
## NORTHWEST

Pentecost Church, Milwaukee,
May 15-17

By CHARLES A. PULS

REFUSAL TO READMIT Victor K. Wrigley, deposed from the ministry of the Northwest Synod at a special convention in January, was voted by the synod at its annual session in May. Mr. Wrigley was deposed on charges of doctrinal deviation. He is still serving as pastor of Gethsemane Church, Brookfield, Wisconsin.

The synod was informed that Mr. Wrigley has shown growth in Christian faith, and has apologized for his attitude during the



DR. PAUL H. ROTH
*Formerly president of Northwestern Sem nary. His synod celebrated his 50th year the ministry at the convention this ye*

investigation of charges made against hi But the time has not come to restore him fellowship, the synod decided. The door w left open for him to come before the e amining committee, and he was assured the chairman of the committee, Dr. A. Zinck, that he is among friends ready to gi him every consideration.

One pastor, who prosecuted the here cases for the synod, expressed his opini that leaving the door open gave Mr. Wrigl a false hope. He said the public may s differently from the examining committ and that the public could see no sign of traction from his former stand. Anoth pastor held that the synod ought to be amined to determine whether it has beco more extremely literal than the Luther church was at the beginning. His plea w shouted down.

Concerning the congregation that reta the defrocked pastor, synod's executive co mittee recommended "ouster." The conve tion, however, by a vote of 117 to 53, urg

ethsemane congregation to accept an
n pastor for a trial period, during
both sides could try to work out the
ences. At present there is no pastor
ng with the members who are loyal to
nod in the controversy.

e convention took action requesting the
John Gerberding to return his ordina-
certificate to the synod office. He was
tted when tried on heresy charges last
er, but is now in secular employment.
. Gerberding accepts a call to a con-
tion, the certificate will be returned.

GARDING establishment of a college in
nsin, the synod voted to provide a
l fund with which to purchase a site
utheastern Wisconsin for use either by
cated Carthage College, or for the es-
nment of a new one under synodical
es. Sentiment has favored Milwaukee
ossible site. "By getting a site we will
we mean business," said Pastor Paul
th, Kenosha.

Edwin Moll, who recently had been
d down the synod telling the story of
ran World Action, retold the story to
nvention. Last year, the synod did not
its LWA quota, and a number of
hes have not yet launched their 1956
l. Synod's 1956 quota is close to
000.

e Rev. Samuel E. Kidd, stewardship
ary of the Ministerium of Pennsyl-
outlined stewardship as being a per-
matter in the present tense. "We are
rds. Stewardship is not a cardinal doc-
but a consequence of our love to God.
ot man-made. It is a response to God."
ppealed to pastors to use their strongest
s and to challenge them with a big

e "Sector Plan," adopted by the synod
se in 1956, was held up as a tested
od that develops leaders, raises sights
minimums to maximums, and makes
dship a thrilling experience. Fifteen
hops have already been held for coun-
, with two schools scheduled for the
er to train pastors in the use of the

plan. Synod adopted a budget of $820,000, an increase of $40,000, of which Carthage is to receive $10,000.

ULCA PRESIDENT FRANKLIN CLARK FRY was worked overtime by speaking on many issues. To 600 persons at the laymen's banquet, he listed the paradoxes of the Lutheran church. "It is staunchly confessional, yet ecumenical; terribly divided, yet cohesive; frightfully crippled, yet expanding."

In the United Lutheran Church, President Fry said, "our membership gains are barely keeping up with the birthrate. We are making no intensive inroads on the unchurched." "The ULCA increased 3.5 per cent in 1955 giving, while the average of Protestant giving increased 10 per cent."

On Lutheran unity in America, President Fry expressed his belief that it will take at least three generations to bring it about. "The biggest impediment to complete doctrinal agreement between the various synods is that church leaders often put theological cloaks on sociological arguments."

THE LUTHERAN came in for criticism. "If THE LUTHERAN is the official organ of the ULCA, why does it not represent the Lutheran church?" There has been considerable opposition by certain members of the synod to some editorials and to the appearance of articles by Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr.

DR. PAUL E. BISHOP, president since 1949, was elected on the first ballot for a four-year term. Chaplain for the convention was the Rev. G. William Genszler, Sheboygan.

### ULCA CONVENTION DELEGATES

CLERICAL: Paul E. Bishop, Robert B. Anderson, William B. Downey, Jonas H. Dressler, G. William Genszler, Paul L. Graf, Franklin Heglund, Clarence B. Lund, George Lundquist, G. B. McCreary, Harold T. Rasmussen, Paul L. Roth, John Shannon, Amos G. Streich, A. A. Zinck.

LAYMEN: Henry Burmeister, Ronald Drechsler, Clark Dobbins, Walter O. Helwig, Joseph Hoffman, Paul L. Holcomb, Ivar Johnson, Arthur Ludtke, Gerald Miller, Fred Mueller, Elmer Scheuermann, Theodore Stump, S. F. Wilch, Gerhard Zimmerman.

ON NOVA SCOTIA CONVENTION PROGRAM
*Dr. Earl Treusch, Pastor R. E. Bieber, Dr. C. H. Whitteker, Dr. J. Frank Fife*

# NOVA SCOTIA

## Church of the Saviour, Dartmouth, May 4-6

By DOUGLAS A. CONRAD

REALIGNMENT, expansion, and evangelism were the main themes of the sessions of the Nova Scotia Synod. The executive committee was empowered to take up the matter of the realignment of parishes with the congregations concerned. If this plan is approved by the congregations, it will mean two new parishes in the synod.

Preliminary talks are being held with the Danish Lutheran Church in St. John, New Brunswick, with the idea of that congregation entering the Nova Scotia Synod. This church is a member of the "Danish Church Abroad." It is understood that the presiding bishop of the Church of Denmark has given his approval to this venture.

Pastor Osvalds Gulbis has entered the province of Newfoundland to start Lutheran work among Germans and Latvians. Michas Ohnstad, a student at Northwestern Seminary, has accepted the call to take over development of the Spryfield mission in one of the suburban areas of Halifax. Both fields are under the direction of the Bo of American Missions.

PRESIDENT C. H. WHITTEKER and Direc of Evangelism R. E. Bieber spoke of the results of the evangelism mission which conducted on synod territory in Ap Fifteen missioners from various parts Canada and the United States spent weeks holding missions in practically all congregations of the synod. About 20, attended the services and rallies, 337 visi were assigned, 631 calls were completed, people were interviewed, 255 enrolled the pastors' classes, 49 for transfer of m bership, 10 for reaffirmation of faith, children for baptism, 223 children for chu schools and 416 people were brought to services.

The closing rally, at Bridgewater, on A 27 when the Rev. George Housewright Kansas City, Mo., was the speaker, was largest religious gathering ever held in town. Plans are being made for a continu program of evangelism in all congregati

The United Lutheran Church in Ame was represented by Dr. J. Frank Fife, p dent of the Maryland Synod.

Dr. Earl Treusch of Winnipeg, execu director of the Canadian Lutheran Cou presented the plans of that body and sp

VA and Lutheran World Federation. od officers were re-elected as follows: Rev. James Slack, secretary; Ivan re. treasurer.

ULCA CONVENTION DELEGATES
ERGYMEN: C. H. Whitteker, Luke Batdorf.
MEN: Emory Bollivar, Douglas Hirtle.

## WARTBURG

### . John's Church, Springfield, Ill., May 15-17

By ARNOLD H. KAITSCHUK

CAUSE INCREASING DEMAND for min- is being felt throughout the synod, ntion delegates authorized President Belter to appoint a committee of four seminary students and two recently ned pastors—to visit congregations to prospective students for the ministry. proved for ordination were Russel rt, called to the air force chaplaincy, Varren Best, called by Illinois Synod as fate pastor to Norwood Park Church, go.

e examining committee reported that, interviews with candidates for the min- it found there has been inadequacy in eaching of authoritative Lutheran doc- especially in respect to the authority e Scriptures, confession, and the office e keys. The committee advised that be taken to call this to the attention e church's seminaries.

legates approved new regulations for nts receiving synodical aid: all students ving aid must serve, when called, in congregations for three years before notes are cancelled. Students desiring rsue graduate study must have the ap- l of the ministerial education com- e students not fulfilling these require- must repay grants in aid within three

NOD OFFICERS re-elected to their posts are E. Ray Morack, vice president; William W. Roth, secretary; Robert L. Boulton, treasurer; and J. A. Goeken, statistician.

A motion was approved that no person could serve on more than two boards or elective committees, the synod's executive committee included. Later in the convention, this motion was reconsidered and defeated.

A motion to raise the per capita apportionment from $13 to $14 per communing member was defeated. To overcome a deficit in the apportionment, delegates approved the executive committee's recommendation to set the synodical budget at $27,000. Treasurer R. L. Boulton noted that since the synod adopted the "fair share" apportionment plan in 1940, congregational contributions have increased 1300 per cent. $128,109 was contributed in 1955, including sums for the synodical and ULCA apportionment.

THE UNITED LUTHERAN Social Mission Society of Illinois was given permission to campaign for funds in Illinois congregations for ULC homes for the aging and infirm. Approval was also given to Chicago Seminary's board of directors to conduct a fund-raising campaign within synod for a campus chapel in 1960, unless previous commitments are scheduled for that year.

Banquet speaker was Dr. Edwin Moll, who told of the work being done in Palestine through Lutheran World Relief.

"Go! GOD CAN SAY more in one word than man can say in a lifetime. When he said 'Go!' he meant it. Everyone was given a specific task among Christ's disciples and so is each of us.

"God likewise commanded, 'Let's Go.' Let's let people go to carry out the will of God and not place stumbling blocks in their way. God would also tell us 'Let's Help Go.'

"This sets forth the entire thought of stewardship and evangelism. Carry out God's commands! Only as we go and work for him are we sure that we are his and that he is ours. He orders us! His blessings will be ours!" This sums up the challenge that President Belter gave to the 43 pastors, 33

lay delegates, and visitors at the convention.

The *Wartburg Lutheran* will become a monthly paper, instead of bimonthly, with a page devoted to stewardship news, delegates voted. Stewardship bulletins that were distributed monthly will be discontinued.

ULCA CONVENTION DELEGATES

CLERGYMEN: R. R. Belter, R. L. Boulton, E. R. Morack, W. W. Roth, A. N. Swasko.

LAYMEN: L. Bergmen, W. Bockhorn, F. Drinhaus, A. Harms, A. Wild.

## WEST VIRGINIA

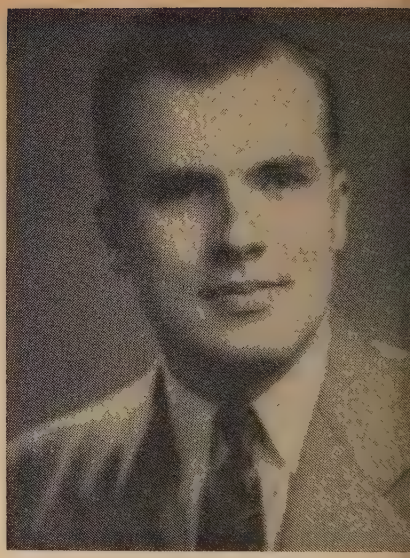
### Jackson's Mill, May 13-16

By HAROLD L. HANN

THE OFFICE of the synodical president was in the spotlight from the very opening of the convention. A motion to establish a full-time presidency was passed but when it came to implementing it by enacting amendments to the constitution a close vote totaled less than the necessary two-thirds. The matter was tabled until the 1957 convention.

On the old pastor-president basis, the Rev. H. G. Schwegler of Parkersburg was elected for a term of one year. But Pastor Schwegler was president-elect for a day only. On the second day he submitted his resignation in the interests of his parish. The mantle of the presidency then fell on the Rev. George C. Weirick of the Aurora-Davis parish. To the office of synodical secretary was chosen Pastor Donald D. Anderson, Trinity Church, Keyser.

Excitement ran high at the mention of a proposed change in pensions for pastors. Synod voted to memorialize the ULCA to the effect that "if the church feels that $1,500 is the minimum pension which retired pastors ought to receive, then that is what the church ought to provide." Delegates felt that there should be a clear-cut distinction between church and state, between pensions and social security.



REV. GEORGE WEIRICK
*West Virginia Synod's new president*

REPRESENTATIVE of the ULCA was G. Elson Ruff, editor of THE LUTHER who reminded delegates that "Christian is expensive. It takes money for the dram mission thrust of our day, and for the qu on-going educational tasks, and for necessary administrative work of church." Dr. Frank M. Brown reported t Lutheran World Action contributions 1956 are slightly above those made last y at this time.

At a stewardship banquet Dr. Clarence Stoughton, president of Wittenberg Coll emphasized that partnership between G and man must be based on trust and c fidence, that into it must go the total sources at the command of the partners, that it must show results.

The West Virginia Synod reaffirmed position that "all churches of our sy plainly state that their altars, pews, membership are open to men of all rac

ULCA CONVENTION DELEGATES

CLERGYMEN: George C. Weirick, Ch G. Aurand.

LAYMEN: Eric C. Summers, William Minger.

# AMPUS

## CA Colleges Confer 56 Doctorates

RCH, CIVIC and educational leaders were honored by church ges connected with ULCA synods at recent commencement ises. Among them was one woman—Dr. Mildred Winston, staff ber for many years of the ULCA Board of Higher Education. lenberg's total of eight was the highest, with six to receive degrees mmencement and two others at a convocation scheduled for this Roanoke gave only one honorary degree—to Franklin Clark Fry, dent of the ULCA, who was made a Doctor of Juridical Science.

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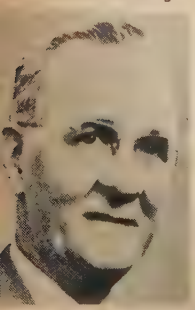

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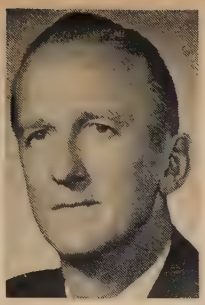

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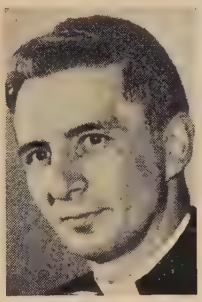

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# Synod Asked to Take Action On Waterloo College Plans

By NORMAN BERNER

KITCHENER—When the Canada Synod meets in Port Colborne, June 4-7, it will be asked to take an action that, in the words of Synod President A. G. Jacobi, "is bound to have tremendous implications for the future."

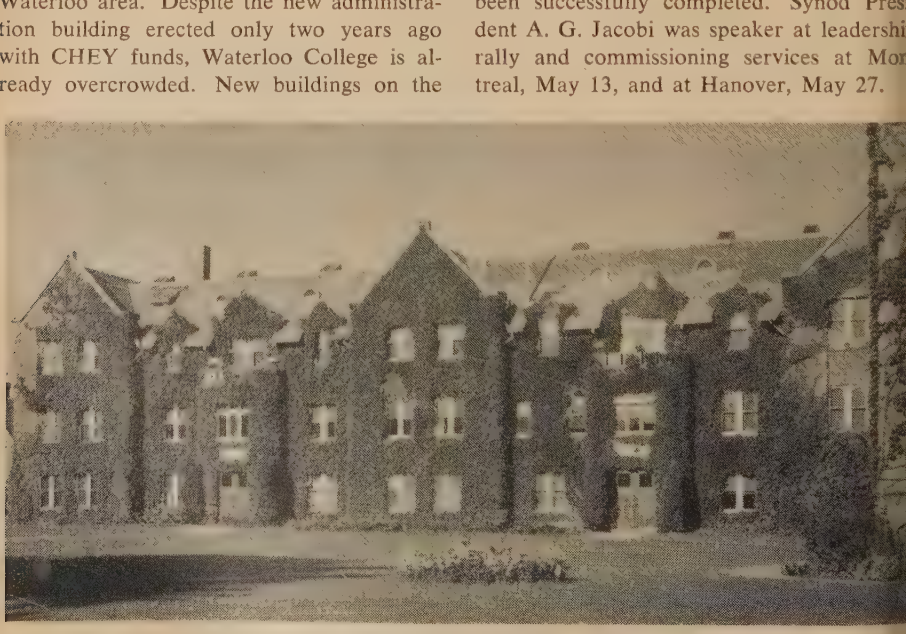
A nondenominational college known as Waterloo College Associate Faculties has been incorporated for the purpose of teaching courses in pure and applied science. This college is seeking affiliation with Waterloo College of Arts which is owned and operated by the synod. The two colleges would share the present campus and have a number of interlocking interests. One administrative president would serve both schools.

The new college is expected to grow rapidly because of the increasing demand for educational facilities in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. Despite the new administration building erected only two years ago with CHEY funds, Waterloo College is already overcrowded. New buildings on the campus would be financed by governmen grants to the non-church institution.

President J. G. Hagey of Waterloo Colleg visited all six conferences of the synod i April to explain the proposed agreemen He pointed out the advantages of the a filiation and indicated that the new schoo would eventually become a university fed erated with Waterloo College.

The Rev. Arnold L. Conrad, Waterloo preached for the baccalaureate service Waterloo College in St. Matthew's Church Kitchener, on May 6. On the same evening Dr. Helmuth Lehmann, former president o the seminary, now book editor for the Unite Lutheran Publication House, addressed th seminary graduates in St. Peter's Church Brodhagen.

TWO MORE AREA evangelism missions hav been successfully completed. Synod Pres dent A. G. Jacobi was speaker at leadershi rally and commissioning services at Mon treal, May 13, and at Hanover, May 27.



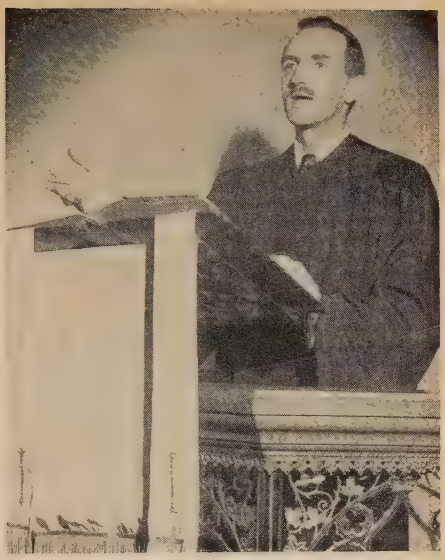
*Waterloo College, Ontario: New plans in the making*

# nistry is Destination
# Former Radio Actor

ERNARD CROCKER took the round- t way to reach his goal. But he reached t 38, he became Hamma Divinity ol's one thousandth graduate this spring was called as pastor to a mission con- ation in Cold Spring, Ky., he had helped rm two years ago.

m an example of what a bum can be- with the help of the Lord," says the of a Beverly, Mass., welder who in- ed an adventurous spirit from his father. rnard Crocker set out to see the world e age of 15. He held down some twenty jobs during the next 15 years of his life d never set foot in a church. He acted rialized mystery dramas on radio, spent in summer stock, enlisted twice in the Force, saw action in Europe in World II, was program director of an Air e radio station in Panama.

e change came suddenly, and neither ard nor his wife can explain why and . But one day they knew that his true ion lay in the ministry. They came to



BERNARD CROCKER

*At 38, Hamma's Number One Thousand*

Wittenberg College in 1950 "with $200 and our faith." Six and one-half years later the Crockers left the campus at Springfield, Ohio. Ahead of them lay a new adventure, and a new goal.

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OFESSOR O. W. HEICK of Waterloo Semi- will spend most of the summer in pe. Under the sponsorship of the Lu- n World Federation he will lecture in nark, Finland, Austria, and Germany.

"Kitchener-Waterloo will double its popu- ion in the next 25 years," the Rev. Walter oetzli, National Lutheran Council secretary urban planning, told twin city pastors d councilmen on April 13. He urged oper planning for mission congregations. Karl Henry, ULC Board of American ssions secretary, cited examples of ef- tive urban mission work.

. and Mrs. E. Edwin Nabert and family chine, Quebec, are making plans to go ia under commission of the Board of gn Missions. Mr. Nabert is adminis- at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Mon- and held a similar position at the ener-Waterloo Hospital. Mrs. Nabert was secretary of Dr. J. H. Reble when he was president of the Canada Synod. Commissioning is scheduled for July 22 in New Hamburg.

Reuben Baetz, deputy director of the department of world service for the Lutheran World Federation, has resigned his position. He is expected to return to Canada from Geneva shortly, to take up new work as director of disaster relief for the Canadian Red Cross. He is a son of the Rev. Harry Baetz of Elmira and a graduate of Waterloo College.

The Rev. Robert Langen will give up his activities as student service worker under the Canadian Lutheran Council. He will lecture on philosophy at Waterloo College this fall.

Sister Sheila Radtke will become the deaconess of St. Mark's, Kitchener, on July 1. She will be the first deaconess to serve the congregation.

PENNSYLVANIA

## Commitments for Evangelism Solicited from Congregations

By ROBERT G. SANDER

ALTOONA—The 144 churches of East and West Allegheny conferences have been asked to sign "commitment statements" in connection with the evangelism mission scheduled for both conferences in 1957.

The statements read in part: "Firmly trusting God's will, and believing He has called us to witness to His Gospel in Jesus Christ in the Lutheran Evangelism Mission, we do hereby commit ourselves without reserve to this work."

## PICTORIAL RECORD GROWS IN WASHINGTON CHURCH

*SECOND in a series of portraits of pastors serving St. Paul's Church, Washington, D. C., was unveiled last month. Artist Helen Minnifie (left) painted picture of the late Dr. John T. Huddle, St. Paul's pastor from 1904 to 1929. Assistant Pastor Franklyn Morris and Dr. Henry W. Snyder, present pastor whose portrait by same artist was unveiled last year* (THE LUTHERAN, *July 13, 1955*), *stand to the right of the portrait.*

Commitments are to be returned to area chairmen by July 1. Victor E. Carlson, pastor of Christ Second Church, Altoona, is area chairman for East Allegheny; Park L. Wagenbach, pastor of Christ Church, Westmont (Johnstown), for West Allegheny Conference.

FORMAL DIVISION of the Allegheny Conference was effected by action of the Central Pennsylvania Synod at its convention in Lancaster on May 21. Division makes for changes and reorganization of auxiliary groups. Least affected are Luther League and ULCW which followed new conference lines even prior to the division. Most affected by the division is the Brotherhood.

Dissolution of the former Allegheny Conference ULCW will take place at the group's annual convention in Trinity Church, Somerset, Oct. 4. But the conference's two districts were dissolved when the women of the Somerset-Cambria District met in Zion Church, Meyersdale, on April 26, and those of the Juniata-Northeast District met in Trinity Church, DuBois, on May 2. Formal organization of these two conference societies (West and East Allegheny) will follow in the early fall.

The Brotherhood had no inner-conference divisions. Its organization followed the six-county make-up of the conference. At a meeting in Bethany Church, Altoona, June 21, East and West Allegheny Conference Brotherhoods will be formed and the old organization dissolved.

New officers will be elected, new constitutions adopted. Paul I. Folkemer, of Baltimore, member of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement executive committee, will speak.

Churches in Bedford, Cambria and Somerset counties collected over three tons of clothing for Lutheran World Relief during April. Mr. Robert F. Ankeny, a member of Moxham Church, Johnstown, provided a truck to haul the clothing to the processing center in Phillipsburg, N. J.

LAYMEN are now to be included in the greater Johnstown Protestant Union. This was a decision reached by more than 15

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## OBBIES
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## SPLAY

*Making fishing flies requires skillful hand*

*Work in ceramics allows for artistic expression*

CHURCH PEOPLE are interested in a great many things, the fourteen organizations of Immanuel Church, Burholme (Philadelphia), Pa., discovered. They called on all members of the congregation to exhibit things that occupy their spare time, and the church's basement filled up with such assorted items as model railroads, tropical fish specimens, historical weapons, ceramics, and a collection of china dogs next to a collection of china cats.

*Leather tooling is absorbing hobby*

*Model trains get serious inspection*

**PA.: ALTOONA . . .**

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ministers and lay delegates, representing most of the churches of greater Johnstown, at a meeting on April 16.

Ministerial meetings will still continue to be held each month but the clergy will function as a division of the over-all group. Participating churches will be represented by a minister and a layman. The inclusion of laymen in the union paves the way for organization of a council of churches.

Registrations for Camp Sequanota ha reached 750 on May 15. George E. Bowe sox, Jr., pastor-director, reported that "a vance registrations are way ahead of la year."

First camp of the season will be a your adult retreat, June 9-10. Retreat leade will include Dr. Ralph C. Robinson, secr tary of the Central Pennsylvania Synod, an the Rev. Arthur L. Ruths, pastor to the st dents on the campus of Pennsylvania Sta University.

## Brotherhood Members Offer Seven Refugee Assurances

By WILLIAM C. ROEGER

NORRISTOWN—Because of the Christian compassion of three members of the Brotherhood of Trinity Church, Coatesville, seven displaced persons will be able to leave central Europe and come to Chester County, Pennsylvania.

A family of four from Poland and three single men from Germany will probably reach the United States at the end of this year. It takes nearly six months to process the assurances and complete all government regulations.

The Coatesville sponsors, L. K. W. Deininger, Clarence Slaymaker, and John G. Dague, are providing the assurances through Lutheran Refugee Service.

A STONE from the Mount of Olives, tr ditional site of the ascension of Christ, w be installed on an inside wall in new S Andrew's Church, Perkasie, now under co struction.

The stone is the gift of Arab Luthera in the Holy Land who presented it as token of grateful appreciation to Luthera of America. It was secured through D Gustav K. Wiencke of the ULC Board Parish Education. Dr. Wiencke returned r cently from a visit to Palestine.

On Sunday after the Ascension the sto was exhibited in the chancel of the prese St. Andrew Church (*see cut*

RURAL LIFE SU DAY was observ on Rogation Su day by a numb of Norristown Co ference parish St. Paul's Churc Sassamansville, a St. Luke's, Obeli were among the Following the se (*Cont'd page 42*

Stone from Hol Land in Perkasi

# CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

. "QUIET" FUND CAMPAIGN has ed *Carthage College* almost $10,000 in the past months, President Harold H. tz announced in May. The campaign ted shortly after the $112,700 Ford ndation grant to the Illinois institution announced which increased the college's owment to $41,000 less than one million ars.

o reach the million-dollar mark, Presi- t Lentz turned to some of the college's nds. His appeal brought 100 donations ging from $5 to $1,000 so far, and more coming in. Wrote Dr. Lentz: "In these s when colleges are finding it, with the ng costs of education, very difficult to bal- e college budgets, a school with a small owment is especially handicapped. This et campaign is the first step in what ht to be a series to remedy this particular kness of the college."

EW DEAN OF MEN at *Gettysburg Col-* in the fall will be W. Ramsey Jones, formerly member of the faculty at Gil- School for Boys, Baltimore. Mr. Jones uated from Gettysburg in 1935, has done uate work at the University of Pennsyl- a and Johns Hopkins University. Other pintees at Gettysburg are F. Stanley Hoff- as business manager, and Dr. Russell Rosenberger as professor of education head of that department.

IRST FULL-SCALE WRITERS' CON- ENCE to be held in New York City open July 10 at *Wagner College.* The day school provides advanced training eginning and established writers through idual conferences, workshops, and d-table discussion. The staff, under aam Munson's direction, includes Virgil kham of Wagner College, and Carol aan (public relations), Charles Angoff -fiction), Hallie Southgate Burnett (fic- , H. R. Hays (drama), Marianne Moore try), and A. M. Sullivan (versification). ans now under preparation at Wagner include the arranging of graduate courses in religion and philosophy of the seminar and reading-research type during the summer. The courses should enable pastors to pursue graduate studies in summer months. Among the courses scheduled for July and August of this year are "Ancient Culture of Egypt," and "Contemporary Movements in Philosophy—Existentialism."

RECIPIENT OF A FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP is Morris J. Niedenthal, May graduate of *Chicago Theological Seminary,* who will study biblical theology under H. H. Rowley and T. W. Manson at Manchester University. Mr. Niedenthal, a former art editor of *Frontiers,* publication of the Lutheran Student Association of America, is serving a summer internship at St. Paul's Church, Syracuse, N. Y. He will sail with his wife for England in September.

FIRST UNITED LUTHERAN COLLEGE to offer a major in church music will be Wittenberg College which is expanding its school of music to include a complete course of training for church musicians. The school is under the direction of L. David Miller.

There is increased demand for trained church musicians, Mr. Miller said, and growing interest among students in new church music. Seven new courses will be added to the present curriculum. They are: Introduction to church music; hymnology; liturgies; contemporary church music; chanting; service playing; and advanced conducting. Specialization in organ or voice will be required of students majoring in church music.

SUMMER SESSION at *Newberry College* will offer courses to qualify teachers for higher certification ratings and courses leading to the B.S. degree in elementary or secondary education. A health education workshop is also scheduled for this summer. The session lasts from June 11 to Aug. 3.

**PA.: NORRISTOWN . . .**

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ice in the church, the pastor, choir, and congregation went to a nearby field to bless soil and seed with special prayers.

THE NORRISTOWN CONFERENCE, meeting in Grace Church, Pottstown, elected the Rev. Robert M. Lamparter, pastor of St. John's Church, Phoenixville, as president, and the Rev. Luther F. Schlenker of St. Andrew's Church, Perkasie, as secretary. Pastor Mark O. Heller of the Old Goshenhoppen-Trumbauersville parish was re-elected treasurer.

Dr. William O. Moyer, chairman of the synodical committee on structure and organization, presented the first report of the committee which was discussed by the conference. Part of the report dealt with the proposed dissolution of the conferences as currently organized. Assuming his new office, Pastor Lamparter said that he may well be the last president of the conference.

NEW OFFICERS elected at the convention of the conference Brotherhood in Grace Church, Hatfield, include Alfred W. Weidemoyer of St. Michael's Church, Sellersville as president, and W. Merrill Fellman, Andrew Gillespie, and Raymond Gross. Also Ray Bloch, Russell Hoffman, Alfred L. Myers, Galen Lowman, and Lewis Fluck.

The Muhlenberg College Choir sang under the leadership of Ludwig Lenel in Zion Church, Zion Hill . . . Preacher at the installation of Pastor Richard Hoffert at Grace Church, Pottstown, was the pastor of his home parish, Trinity, Bethlehem, Henry W. Snyder, Jr. Officiating was Ministerium of Pennsylvania President Charles M. Cooper. Pastor Hoffert succeeds Dr. Edgar S. Brown, Jr., now director of the ULCA Department of Worship.

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## *Paradise Falls Announces Summer Pulpit Preachers*

MANY FACETS of the church's work at home and abroad are reflected in the selection of preachers for the 1956 summer pulpit series of Paradise Falls, the Lutheran resort colony in the Poconos.

Associate Secretary George B. Ammon of the ULC Board of Parish Education is scheduled to lead off the series on June 24. Following him on subsequent Sundays are Associate Director E. Dale Click of the ULC evangelism mission staff; Dr. Paul T. Wagfield, pastor of St. Mark's Church, Trenton, N. J., and a member of the New Jersey Synod's executive board and board of education.

The list includes further Dr. Earl S. Erb, executive secretary of the ULC Board of Foreign Missions, Associate Director Jo-



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Whetstone of the Department of Church ...tecture, and the Rev. Arthur Yeagy, as...t to the president of the Central Penn...nia Synod.

...heduled to preach in August are Dr. ...ison Ruff, editor of THE LUTHERAN; the ...Joseph Deibert, newly elected professor ...he Lutheran theological seminary in ...os Aires, Argentina; Pastor Wallace ...r of Trinity Church, Lancaster, Pa.; ...Prof. Francis E. Reinberger of Gettys... Seminary.

...e series will be concluded Sept. 2 by ...Stewart W. Herman, executive secretary ...he National Lutheran Council's division ...utheran co-operation in Latin America.

## NEW MISSION FIELDS

*...utheran services have recently been ...ed in the following areas, the Board of ...rican Missions reports. People living in ...oving to these areas should be urged to ... up the new ULCA group. Mission de...pers identified below can be reached by ...hone. See also local newspapers.*

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...t (East) (Thomas M. BeMiller)

... YORK: Endwell (near Endicott, N. Y.) ...ibert L. Haversat, Jr.)

...TH CAROLINA: Charlotte (Crab Orchard ...a) (William E. Smith)

...kory (North) (Brady Y. Faggart, Jr.)

...A SCOTIA: Halifax (Spryfield) (Michas ... Ornstad)

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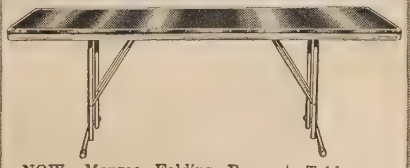
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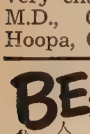

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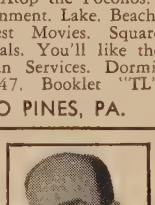

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**PENNSYLVANIA**

## Brotherhood Discusses Plans For Ministerium's Boys' Camp

By HENRY W. SNYDER, JR.

ALLENTOWN — "Rehabilitation of Ca Miller" was main subject on the agenda the Allentown Conference Brotherho which met at St. Paul's Church, So Easton, on June 2. Banquet speaker for meeting was the Rev. Harry T. Richwi

Camp Miller, the boys' camp of the M isterium of Pennsylvania on the Delawa was heavily damaged by floods last summ A $40,000 fund appeal was addressed Sunday schools, campers and their pare to repair the damage and to enable the ca to reopen this summer with a capacity 200 boys.

St. John's Windish Church, Bethlehe laid the cornerstone for its educatio building April 22. A congregational din attended by nearly 600 persons climaxed occasion . . . Union Church, Neffs, has vo to undertake a $150,000 expansion progra The congregation will erect an addition its present church.

St. Michael's Church, Allentown, cornerstone for an educational build April 8 . . . St. John's Church, Coplay, de cated a $48,000 church annex April 8 St. John's Church, Allentown, held its eig annual music festival May 1. Choirs p sented an anthem composed by Mae Giuseppe Moschetti for the synod ordinat service held in St. John's, May 24.

ARCHITECT'S PLANS for the proposed G Shepherd Church, Easton, received a award recently at an architectural confere in Atlanta. Architect T. Norman Man said the plans received one of the two hi est awards for the best designs for churc seating more than 300.

A LONG and fruitful ministry in the Al town Conference came to an end April with the death of Dr. Harvey C. Snyder Nazareth. A well-known conference synod leader, he had been pastor of John's Church, Nazareth, for thirty ye

TH CAROLINA

## holastic Year Closed Lenior Rhyne College

By FRANK K. EFIRD

LISBURY—Speakers for the 65th commencement, May 26-28, at Lenoir Rhyne ge were Dr. Theodore Distler of Washn, D. C., executive director of the Asson of American Colleges, who gave the nencement address; Dr. Paul Roth, Coia, S. C., Southern Seminary professor, delivered the baccalaureate sermon; and r. White Iddings of First Church, Albe-; who spoke at the alumni luncheon. norary Doctor of Laws degrees were to Christopher Kauffman, Newberry ge president, and Malcolm M. Palmer, marle businessman who was chairman e $1,500,000 Lenoir Rhyne Develop- Program. Harlan L. Creech, Sr., for ears professor of commerce at Lenoir e, received a Distinguished Service d.

noir Rhyne debaters have had an outing season. They won first place at the d National Debate Tournament at ha Washington College, Fredricksburg, and the team of Dave Wright and Paul- Boliek was declared Grand National


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Dr. M. L. Stirewalt, Jr., professor ancient languages at Lenoir Rhyne, and h wife will be counselors for a two-mon European study project this summer, spo sored by the Division of College and Un versity Work of the National Luther Council.

### GRADUAL DESEGREGATION PROPOSED

At its recent meeting in Raleigh, the Nor Carolina Diocese of the Episcopal Chur approved a "gradualistic" approach to t problem of integration in public schools. a TV speech, Governor Hodges reiterat his stand that there must be no mixing races in public schools. He said the majori of North Carolinians agreed with him.

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# IN CONCLUSION . . . . . .

HALF A DOZEN years ago it seemed to me that our church was limping along lazily in its home mission work. People were moving in all directions, building up towns and cities rapidly. But we were not establishing new congregations to keep up with the changing situation.

We were averaging about 30 new congregations a year, not as many as a hundred years earlier. Our slow growth in church membership reflected this. Many of the synods lacked initiative in staking out new mission fields, and our Board of American Missions was constantly crippled by its lack of money. Planting new congregations is expensive, although the sum invested is rapidly repaid.

In 1951 the upswing began. There were 50 new congregations. Since then the number has been steadily rising—72 last year, and 60 already scheduled in the first six months of 1956. A fresh burst of home mission energy has erupted in almost all sections of the church.

NOW THE PAINFUL day of reckoning has come. The money allotted for home missions this year is just about enough to support the work already begun. The Board of American Missions at its meeting in May called only six men to begin new work, although there are carefully surveyed fields waiting for at least 30.

Our church has been increasing its allotment for this work steadily—from $938,000 to $2,400,000 in five years—but the Board now reports it must have $4 million a year. That's more than half the total amount the United Lutheran Church asks from its synods for all kinds of work it does.

There are three things we might do. 1) Cut back home missions to a lower level. 2) Take money from other work and give it to home missions. 3) Gi more money.

Giving more is the only satisfacto answer, but is easier to talk about th to do. Everybody has mortgages to p off, debts on their cars, or some oth expense that always seems to use up t pay check before the church offering g increased. Few of us give colossal su to the church. The average from ea active adult member in 1955 was $73.4 of which the United Lutheran Chur treasury received $5.28 per member.

Most of our offerings go for lo church expenses. We can see that th are necessary. Money to begin n churches may not seem important wh we know what our own church needs.

THIS IS an old problem that the chur has been facing for centuries. When L theran settlers were coming to Amer 200 years ago, the Lutherans in Euro managed to send only a few pastors an few thousand dollars a year to help pl the church over here. Later, the Luth ans in eastern America were equally p tective of their pocketbooks when s port was needed for churches fart west.

We are grateful that our home missi are now moving forward twice as rapi as six years ago. Whether this doub pace can be sustained is the questi These are good days in our church, w an increasing number of people giv serious thought to the work that ou to be done. Perhaps we can be so g erous as to surprise the Board of Am can Missions with the $4 million asking for. This would have a big ef on the future history of our church America.

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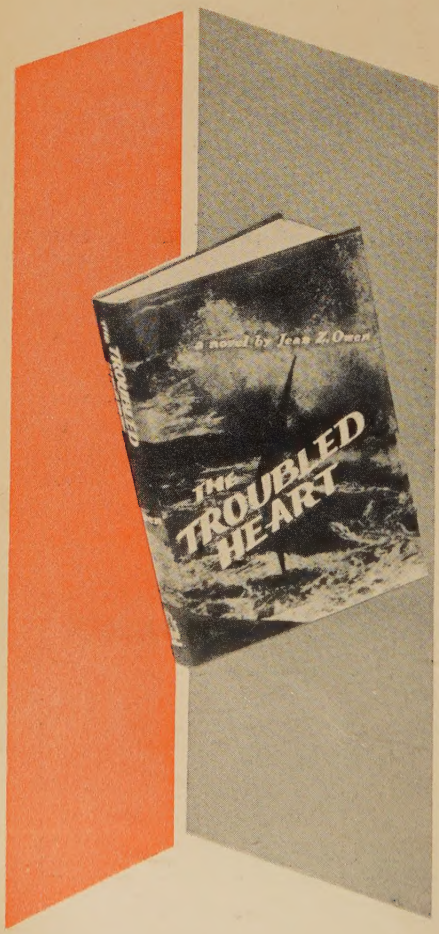


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